Cracks in platforms at Ganj Basoda Railway Station

1154. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2192, given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd March, 2002 and state:

(a) whether it is fact that expansion work done on platform numbers 1 and 2 at Ganj Basoda Railway Station in Central Railway early this year, developed more cracks after few rains after completion of the said works, as a result of which extensive repairs have to be carried out, causing financial loss to the Railways;

(b) if so, whether a thorough inquiry in the matter has been ordered, to fix responsibility on the contractor and the officers involved therein; and

(c) if so, what are the findings thereof and the action taken against those found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No cracks have developed in the platform surface extended at Ganj Basoda. However, construction joints on platform surface were disturbed due to rains which were got repaired through the same agency at no extra cost without causing financial loss to the Railways.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Cost of laying rail line

1155. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost/expenditure for purchasing and laying one kilometer of rail line and how much is needed for replacemnt of over-aged rail tracks and expansion of rail lines, in various parts of the country; and

(b) what is the targeted period for replacement of all the over-aged railway tracks and how long the passengers would have to travel at the risk to their lives?